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## Conference of 40 House Republicans Decides to Hold Up the Seating of Roberts. Journal's Mammoth Petition of Over Six Million Names Goes to Washington.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—At a conference of about forty of the most prominent House Republicans, held at the Capitol to-night, it was decided that the eligibility of Representative-elect Brigham H. Roberts, of Utah, to occupy a seat in the House of Representatives, should be investigated and determined. It was also decided that pending the decision Roberts should not be permitted to take the oath of office.

Giant Document Sent to the Nation's Capital by Special Train, at Midnight, Ready for Formal Presentation.

Its Thousands of Component Parts to Be Arranged To-day by States and Placed on Exhibition.

Conspicuous Position in the Halls of Congress to Be Occupied, So That All Members May Examine.

THE Journal's great national anti-polygamy petition containing between six and seven millions of signatures of representative men and women in every State in the Union is now in Washington.

It left this city at midnight on the Journal special over the Pennsylvania Railroad.

To-day a large corps of employees will be busily engaged in Washington in arranging the State rolls of names in a suitable position in the House, where the great national protest may be observed by all the members of Congress, and especially by Brigham H. Roberts, the avowed law breaker, of Utah.

### Thousands of Workers.

The signatures in the Journal's immense petition were collected by many thousand men and women, chiefly pastors of churches and members of powerful organizations whose interest it is to protect the purity and sanctity of the American home.

Before the petition was rolled and classified according to States the Journal invited several prominent champions of its anti-Roberts fight to inspect it.

Among them were the secretaries of the Missions Boards connected with the various church denominations, presidents and officers of organizations like the W. C. T. U., the Social Purity Leagues, the King's Daughters and Women's Clubs.

All expressed great pleasure at the care taken in preparing the signatures for inspection by the members of Congress.

### Preparing a Testimonial.

There is now in preparation by a special committee a testimonial of thanks to the Journal of the prominent men and women which will be officially turned over in a few days.

It will be signed by the leaders in the great religious organizations and many others who have at heart the interests of American womanhood.

The signatures as they reached the Journal office were classified according to States and the signed blanks were then connected in long rolls.

### To Bear State Seals.

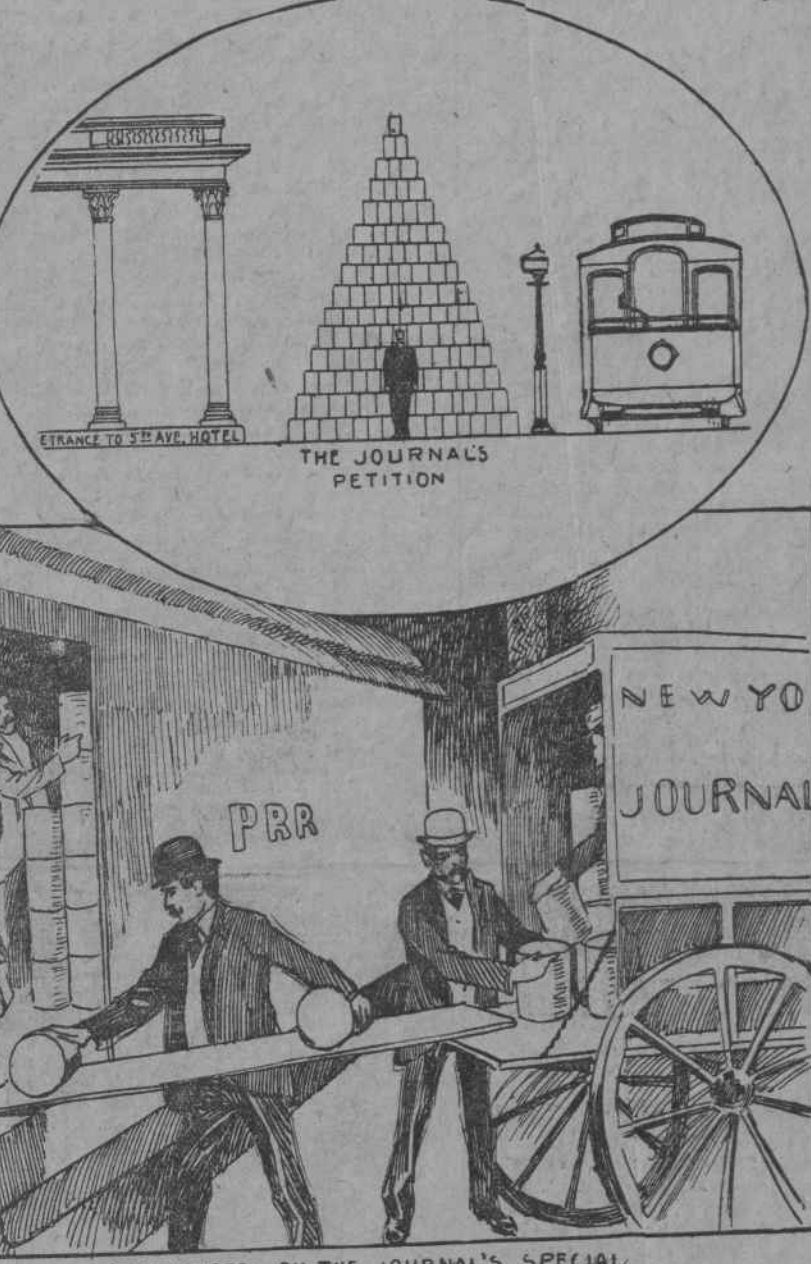
When the various State rolls are properly arranged in the House they will bear their respective State seals.

Red, white and blue bunting, the national colors, will bind the rolls.

Not only has the Journal taken the greatest care in the preparation of this question, but it will show



THE JOURNAL'S IMMENSE ANTI-POLYGAMY PETITION ON THE WAY TO WASHINGTON.



LOADING THE ROLLS OF SIGNATURES ON THE JOURNAL'S SPECIAL

## Many Millions Indorse the Journal's Fight Against Roberts.

THE Journal was the first newspaper to call the attention of the country to the disgrace threatened by the admission of Brigham H. Roberts to Congress. Its stand in the matter has been indorsed by church societies all over the United States, and copies of their resolutions have gone to Washington with the mammoth petition. Here is a list of these resolutions:

**Resolution of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, U. S. A., representing nearly 3,000,000 communicants, sent in to the Journal by the Rev. Dr. H. B. Leonard, corresponding secretary.**

**Resolution of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., representing 1,000,000 communicants, 5,000,000 adherents and the pastors of more than 7,000 churches, sent in to the Journal by the Rev. William Henry Roberts.**

**Resolution of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, U. S. A., representing 1,237,134 communicants and 3,000 churches, sent in to the Journal by the Rev. William E. Fischer.**

**Three Million Endeavorers.**

**Resolutions of the State branches of the Christian Endeavor Societies, representing 2,350,000 members.**

**Resolution of the W. C. T. U. of Highland, N. Y., sixty members, sent in by Mrs. Theron Du Bois, president.**

**Resolution of the University Extension Study Club, of Ogdensburg, N. Y., 200 members, sent in to the Journal by Mrs. S. H. Palmer.**

**Resolution of the Woman's Co-operative Association, of Little Rock, Ark., sent in by Mrs. W. B. Kingsworthly.**

**Resolution of the congregation of the Plymouth Memorial Church, of Plymouth, Mass., 250 members, sent in to the Journal by the Rev. E. F. Clark, pastor.**

**Resolution of the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society, of Boston, sent in by Mrs. Alice B. Coleman, officer.**

**Scandinavians in Line.**

**Resolution of the Scandinavian Christian Temperance Union, sent in to the Journal by Augusta Johnson, president.**

**Resolution of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of North Andover, Mass., ninety-seven members, sent in by the Rev. J. F. Meares, pastor.**

**Resolution of the Baptist Church, of Lowell, N. Y., 100 members, sent in to the Journal by the Rev. Delevan D. Owen, pastor.**

**Resolution of the congregation of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of Raymore, Mo., 300 members, sent in to the Journal by the Rev. C. F. Barnes, pastor.**

**Resolution of the College of Liberal Arts, of Los Angeles, Cal., 100 students, sent in to the Journal by George Coulman, dean.**

**Resolution of the Indianapolis Woman's Club, sent in to the Journal by Mrs.**

## Rolls of Names Fill a Huge Van. Thousands More Petitions Come

Impressive Protest of an Outraged People Loaded on the Journal's Special Train—Additional Names Which Were Too Late to Classify.

DRESSED in a suit of red, white and blue bunting, a monster van, with four horses attached, was drawn up last night in front of the Journal office to receive the big anti-polygamy petition—a nation's outcry against Roberts, the polygamous Mormon, who unblushingly defends his right to live with three wives.

Crowds of curious men and women stood about and gazed in open-mouthed wonder as a large corps of Journal employees carried out roll after roll, forty of them in all, and placed them carefully in the waiting vehicle.

So great was the bulk of the completed petition that not an inch of spare space was left.

### A Giant Pyramid.

More than two hours had been consumed in the work of loading, and it was nearly 10 o'clock when the last roll, one of the largest and most representative of the lot, was placed at the top of the huge pyramid. Then the vehicle with its precious burden, followed by a cheering crowd, got under way and started on its journey for the depot, where a special train was waiting to carry the petition on to Washington, the nation's capital.

Many people, deeply interested in the Journal's crusade, boarded the Cortlandt street ferry and accompanied the van to its destination in Jersey City.

Upon its arrival there, a few minutes later, no time was lost in unloading the great circular-shaped volumes and transferring them to the train, and at 12:30 this morning the Journal's special pulled out of the station and was soon howling merrily along on its way to Washington.

On board were several trusted employees of the Journal, whose duty it will be to see that the rolls of honor arrive safely at their destination.

**Thousands More Now Here.**

While gigantic in size, the rolls will be added to, as many thousands of Journal pe-

Two Score Prominent Lawyers of Congress Lay Their Plan of Procedure to Shut Out the Mormon.

When the Polygamist Presents Himself to Take Oath Objection Will Be Made and Supported.

This Action Decided Upon After Several Hours' Debate Behind Closed Doors—Feeling Strong Against Utah.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—At an informal meeting to-night at the Capitol, at which there were present forty picked lawyers of the Republican members-elect of the House of Representatives, it was decided after a three hours' discussion that Brigham H. Roberts should not be sworn in nor permitted to take the seat from Utah.

It was also decided that when Mr. Roberts presents himself at the bar of the House one of those present to-night shall interpose an objection; that a special resolution be presented to the effect that Roberts has violated the Edmunds act, and is not constitutionally qualified to become a member, and that the case be referred to a special committee.

### H. H. Powers Presides.

The meeting was held in the rooms of the Interstate Commerce Commission. H. Henry Powers, of Vermont, presided. Among those present were Prospective Speaker Henderson, Hepburn, of Iowa; Taylor, of Ohio; Dalzell, of Pennsylvania; Payne, of New York; Hill, of Connecticut; Alexander, of New York; Ray, of New York; Reeves, of Illinois; Warner, of Illinois; Towers, of Wisconsin; Landers, of Indiana; Cannon, of Illinois; Sherman, of New York; Grosvenor, of Ohio, and Keer, of Ohio.

It is understood that Mr. Taylor, who was chairman last session of the Committee of Elections No. 1, to whom all the petitions against Roberts were referred last year, or Mr. Powers, or Mr. Hepburn, will present the objection provided for to-night and will probably draft the resolution decaring Roberts ineligible, and setting forth the reasons therefor.

### Meeting a Secret One.

The meeting was behind closed doors. After adjournment Mr. Taylor, who had been designated for the purpose, made a statement to the press. He said that the meeting was harmonious and that its decision was unanimous.

"The case," he said, "will be prosecuted vigorously and if the sentiment which prevailed at the meeting to-night is the sentiment of the House the action taken by the House will be the rejection of Mr. Roberts."